ARMAMENTS

"ARMAMENTS MEAN—PEACE!" said LORD ROTHERMERE in a recent article in one of his newspapers. Despite all the lessons of history and the experience of 1914, we are still being told **the ancient lie that to preserve peace we must heap up the means of war.**

EXPERIENCE REFUTES IT!

LORD GREY was Britain's Foreign Secretary in the years before the war, and when war broke out in 1914. This was *his* view:

"Great armaments lead inevitably to war. If there are armaments on one side, there must be armaments on other sides. . . . The enormous growth of armaments in Europe, the sense of insecurity and fear caused by them—it was these that made war inevitable!"

MR. J. RAMSAY MACDONALD, the Prime Minister, speaking in July 1931 said:

"People seeking safety by arms are like people seeking shelter under trees during a thunder-storm; they are at the very point which is first struck when the thunder-storm breaks, instead of being secure during grievous danger."

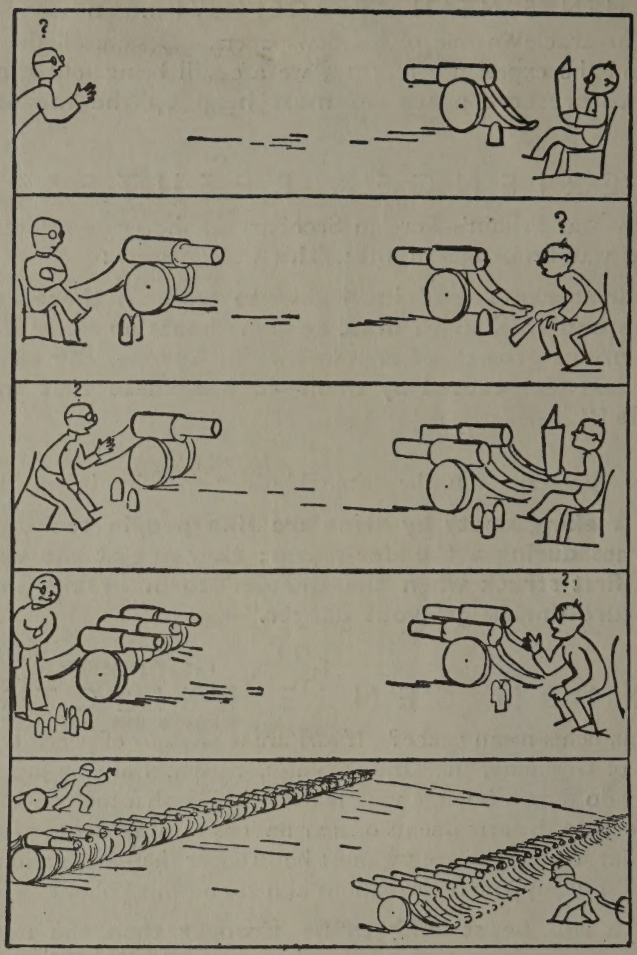
COMMON SENSE REJECTS IT!

Whose armaments mean peace? If *ours* are a *guarantee* of peace, why should the arms of Germany, the United States, Russia, Italy, or Japan disturb us? Why do those who urge vast increases in British armaments "to secure peace" point to the armaments of *other* nations as a *menace* to peace? We are told that to secure peace we must be stronger than any nation likely to attack us. But suppose other nations also act on this policy?

Then each will be striving to be stronger than the rest! And that's the beginning of the race whose end is WAR!

URGE THE GOVERNMENT THROUGH YOUR M.P. TO RESIST DEMANDS FOR INCREASES IN BRITISH ARMAMENTS AND TO RENEW EFFORTS TO SECURE INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT FOR AN ALL-ROUND REDUCTION!

MEAN—WAR!



ARMAMENTS DO NOT GIVE SECURITY !

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